



CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA PROCLAMATION

In recognition of Tim Barnes 34 years of service to the City of Huntsville

WHEREAS, Tim Barnes is a graduate of the University of North Alabama with a double major in Political Science and Geography. He is also a graduate of the University of Alabama with a major in Planning; and

WHEREAS, he began his employment with the City of Huntsville in 1985 in the Planning department. After a few years working in Planning, he would become the sole GIS Planner for the city.

WHEREAS, the GIS system began with four people as a mapping system for the sewer department to replace old paper maps of the sewer infrastructure. Once that database was completed, he was chosen to lead what is now the GIS department; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, he has incorporated dozens of additional data points into the GIS system that is used by surveyors, and other professionals who indicate that it has become one of the best GIS portals in the state. The department is the result of a vision he had; and

WHEREAS, now with 16 staff members, operations have grown to support new technologies and digital needs. The GIS department touches and drives the digital guts of everything in the city; and

WHEREAS, the GIS system has developed into an asset that the daily operations of the City (regardless of the department) could not function without. In the Fire department, GIS provides a variety of services to include developing special map grids to help quickly locate injured hikers calling 911 to the complexity of geographical locating future fire station; and

WHEREAS, the department provides invaluable mapping and support services to the City Attorney's Office through mapping and data products which contain resources critical to the work of the office and through its incredibly capable staff who use their mapping skills to assist in the preparation, review, and composing of legal documents and other matters; and

WHEREAS, GIS works very closely with the ITS department to make their mapping products available to the citizens as well as other city departments. These services include drone photography, mapping garbage routes for sanitation, storm water outfall, streetscape zones, new roads, digitizing new infrastructure, surveying new infrastructure, historic markers, graves, mapping bus routes, annexation and growth, signage for departments and aerial surveys.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tommy Battle, Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby proclaim Friday, September 27, 2019, to be

TIM BARNES DAY

in Huntsville, Alabama and commend him for his vision and leadership in providing services that make Huntsville, Alabama a great place to live and work.

DATED this 26th day of September:

Thomas M. Battle, Mayor
Huntsville, Alabama